

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee

Thursday, July 8, 2004

Chair Stamsta called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Duane Stamsta (Chair), Bill Kramer, Hank Carlson, Andy Kallin, Joe Griffin, and Sandy Wolff. **Absent:** Jim Jeskewitz.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Mark Mader, Senior Services Director Cathy Bellovary, Principal Systems Analyst Ann Christman, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Don Maurer, Information Systems Manager Mike Biagioli, Health & Human Services Board Members JoAnn Weidmann and Dennis Farrell, and County Board Supervisor Vera Stroud.

Acknowledge Grant Application - Oconomowoc Senior Dining Center You Can!

Bellovary said they applied for one-year grant for \$4,776 through the Oconomowoc Foundation for the Oconomowoc Senior Dining Center. You Can! is a 12-week nutrition and walking program that offers tips on eating better, promotes Moving More through walking, and provides weekly progress checks and group encouragement. A staff member has already received the needed training which was covered by a different grant. Program outcomes will focus on beneficial changes in diet and increases in physical activity.

Update on the Health & Human Services Information Systems Capital Project

Biagioli said implementation of the automated case management system for the Health & Human Services Department, which is scheduled to be completed this year, has been delayed due to problems with the vendor, Socio Medics, and the selected product. They are getting closer to resolution but these problems go back to October of last year. They have agreed to complete work on the Avatar module and its interfaces, complete the SACWIS implementation and the associated interfaces. Moving into 2005 they plan to conduct a complete needs analysis for Health & Human Services for a case management system and associated automated systems, probably using an external consultant. They will then develop an appropriate strategy and moving towards 2006 they plan to complete the automation work for the department. Maurer said payments to the vendor have been withheld. He added that Corporation Counsel has been involved in discussions with the vendor about potential legal ramifications but things are moving in the right direction.

159-O-038: Modify Project Scope for 200109 Implement HHS Automated System

Biagioli said the current capital plan for 2004 includes dollars to purchase the case management system with the assumption that they would not have to actually integrate SACWIS into the County system. Biagioli advised the state said “no” and that it would have to be fully integrated. The ordinance is asking for a scope change to finish the work that is already in place, get SACWIS fully integrated, and finish integration work with the Avatar module in 2004. Staff are estimating it will cost \$165,000 to complete the work for the remainder of this year, with a primary focus on external services. Biagioli said they expect to meet the 2004 deadline.

MOTION: Kramer moved, second by Wolff to approve 159-O-038. Motion carried 6-0.

159-R-003: Support the Creation of a Disease Prevention Trust in the State of Wisconsin

Stroud stressed that this resolution was drafted for financial reasons. Everyone knows about the health problems caused by smoking. She said those who choose to self-destruct by smoking

affect our “pocketbooks.” There is a group in Madison who is proposing an 85-cent tax increase on each pack of cigarettes. The Tobacco Free Coalition in Waukesha also supports this increase. The coalition wants all the money to be targeted for smokers. Stroud said our State office has other concerns as well.

Stroud advised of an error in the body of the resolution. It should state that the Disease Prevention Trust would be funded by an additional fee totaling 85 cents – not \$1.23. However, the Executive Committee is the presenting committee. It was decided that this committee would vote on the resolution with the amendment but it would be officially amended by the Executive Committee on Monday.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the health problems associated with smoking and the cost involved paid by Wisconsin taxpayers. Kallin said he was against any type of tax increase at this time. Kramer asked if we tax cigarettes because it’s a health hazard, should we do that for every destructive activity?

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Carlson to approve 159-R-003. Motion carried 4-2.
Kramer and Kallin voted n.

Approve Minutes of 6/10/04

MOTION: Kramer moved, second by Kallin to approve the minutes of June 10th. Motion carried 6-0.

Schedule Next Meeting Dates

July 29th (committee only).

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Kramer moved, second by Wolff to approve mileage for any committee members wanting to attend the Health & Human Services Board’s budget meetings in July. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Kallin moved, second by Kramer to approve mileage for any committee members wanting to attend County Executive Finley’s Town Hall budget meetings. Motion carried 6-0.

Chair’s Executive Committee Report of 6/21/04

Stamsta said Rep. Scott Gunderson appeared at the last Executive Committee meeting to discuss a variety of legislative issues. Community Development Block Grant Coordinator Glen Lewinski discussed the HUD audit response. The committee heard an update on the 5-year capital plan. He recommended the committee read the June 21st minutes for more information.

MOTION: Griffin moved, second by Kramer to adjourn at 2:44 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Recorded by Mary Pedersen, Legislative Associate.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. Kallin
Secretary